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SUBJ: FY-1975 IVP - JOSE INACIO COSTA MARTINS

REFS: LISBON 2473, 2317, AND 2218; STATE 92064

SUMMARY: MINISTER ACCEPTS LEADER GRANT TRAVEL FRO PERIOD  
MAY 12-18. END SUMMARY.

1. MINISTER OF LABOR COSTA MARTINS TOLD EMBOFF HE WISHES  
TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. DUE TO  
PROJECTED TRIP TO FRG AND NEED TO PREPARE FOR ILO SESSION  
IN GENEVA IN JUNE, HE REGRETS NEED TO LIMIT TRAVEL TO PERIOD  
MAY 12-18 INCLUSIVE.

2. MINISTER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING GENERAL POLITICAL  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION  
AND ASSISTANCE, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, ETC., AS THESE  
MATTERS AFFECT WHOLE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY, NOT JUST LABOR  
SECTOR. IN REGARD TO LABOR, MINISTER RETAINS INTEREST IN  
OPERATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, PROGRAMS RELATING TO  
EMPLOYMENT (PLACEMENT AND JOB CREATION), LABOR- MANAGEMENT  
RELATIONS, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH UNION OFFICIALS. WOULD LIKE TO  
VISIT "TECHNICALLY SOPHISTICATED" FACTORY, NOT HEAVY INDUSTRY.  
NO SPECIAL INTEREST IN MEETING PORTUGUESE COLONY.

3. UNDERSTANDS VISIT WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO WASHINGTON AND  
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NEW YORK DUE TO SHORTNESS OF STAY.

4. MINISTER ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF OTHER OFFICIALS (E.G., FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY) ACCOMPANYING AND WAS TOLD U.S. POLICY WELCOMES ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS IS EXPENSES PAID BY GOP.

5. MINISTER OBVIOUSLY FEELING INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT OF HIS OWN POWER AND INFLUENCE BOTH WITHIN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND AMONG PEOPLE. CLAIMED MAY DAY MANIFESTATION IN OPORTO, AT WHICH HE WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER, WAS LARGEST IN CITY'S HISTORY, AN ESTIMATE CONFIRMED BY CONSULATE OPORTO. MINISTER, WITHOUT FALSE MODESTY, ALLOWED THAT TURNOUT AT LEAST PARTIALLY DUE TO HIS PRESENCE. DEPARTMENT ALREADY AWARE OF LEVEL AT WHICH MINISTER RECEIVED ELSEWHERE (KOSYGIN IN USSR, OLOF PALME IN SWEDEN).

6. MINISTERS SPEAKS A FEW WORDS OF ENGLISH BUT PROBABLY UNDERSTANDS MORE. WILL REQUIRE INTERPRETER.

7. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT LABATT POVENMIRE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCOMPANY MINISTER. CAN CU FUND?  
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